restrictions within the meaning of section 2(o) (ii) of the MRTP Act, 1969. The reply to notice of enquiry is to be filed by MTNL, by 20.1.97 when the matter will be heard by the Commission.

(c) to (e). The service tax is recoverable from the subscribers of telephone connection as per Finance Act, 1994 and rules made thereunder.

**Removal of Unauthorised Hutment Dwellers**

1902. SHRI MADHUKAR SIROTDAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway Administration has agreed in principal to remove the unauthorised hutment dwellers residing by the side of local railway trains tracks in Mumbai suburban section of Central and Western Railways and provide the hutment dwellers alternate railway land; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Removal of unauthorised occupants on Railway land is a continuous process. Action against the encroachers of Railway land is taken under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971. As regards resettlement of slum-dwellers, it is not the responsibility of railway to provide alternate Railway land.

(b) Does not arise.

**Handling of Air Buses**

1903. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any of the Airports in North Eastern States are capable of handling Airbuses;

(b) if so, names of those airports;

(c) whether such facilities are to be extended to other airports; and

(d) if so, when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Guwahati airport in Assam is suitable for Airbus-300 class of aircraft operations. Dibrugarh in Assam, Imphal in Manipur, Agartala in Tripura and Dimapur in Nagaland are suitable for Airbus-320 class of aircraft operations.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Lilabari (North Lakhimpur) is being developed to make it suitable for Airbus-320 aircraft operations by strengthening and extending the runway. The work is likely to be completed by July, 1998.

**Stoppage of Bokaro Shatabdi Express at Raniganj**

1904. SHRI MEHBOOB ZEHEDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to provide stoppage of Bokaro Shatabadi Express at Raniganj and commercial stoppage at Gomoh to earn more revenue;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the announcement system/music channel in this train has been stopped;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Not found justified.

(d) and (e). Temporary annoucement system was functioning for only three months, in an improvised manner for Guard's Van.

(f) There is no proposal to revive it.

**Increase in Passengers between Howrah-New Delhi Route**

1905. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers have been increased between Howrah and New Delhi route many fold;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that persons buying tickets by Kalka Mail, Poorva Express and Rajdhani Express are kept under Waiting List and thereby denied accommodation in these trains;

(c) if so, the details of average daily number of persons on waiting list for Poorva Express, Kalka Mail for all classes during the last two years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that not a single superfast train has been introduced from Howrah to New Delhi for a long time;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the frequency of 2381/2382 is going to be increased to daily in lieu of thrice a week now; and

(g) if not, the alternative considered by the Government to provide accommodation to large number of persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). The passenger traffic has increased between New Delhi and Howrah and there is unsatisfied demand also.